

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action dated March 23, 2005. Claims 1-61 were pending in the application. In the Official Action, claims 35-46, 53-56, 59 and 61 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-34, 47-52, 57, 58 and 60 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13, 24, 47, 50, 57, 58 and 60 have been amended. Claims 1-34, 47-52, 57, 58 and 60 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-34, 47-52, 57, 58 and 60 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

Priority

The Examiner asserts that Applicant has not filed a certified copy of Japanese application P2001-092619 as required by 35 U.S.C. §119(b).

Applicant submits that a certified copy of Japanese application P2001-092619 was filed as part of a Claim for Priority and Submission of Documents that was mailed on November 6, 2001. Enclosed herewith are a copy of the Claim for Priority and Submission of Documents. Also enclosed is a copy of the returned postcard bearing the PTO stamp acknowledging receipt of the Claim for Priority and Submission of Documents. Notably, the postcard acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of each of the three Japanese applications on which the foreign priority

claim is based, namely P2000-120474, P2000-165744, and P2001-092619. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner acknowledge that a certified copy of Japanese application P2001-092619 has been filed.

Drawings

The objection to the drawings is noted and corrected in accordance with the replacement drawing sheet accompanying this Amendment.

Applicant has provided a replacement drawing sheet including Figs. 3A-3D for the corresponding previously filed drawing sheet. The replacement sheet amends Figs. 3A-3D by inserting descriptive labels for each of the figures.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the drawings are now in compliance with all formality requirements, and requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Specification

The disclosure was objected to because of informalities.

Applicant has amended the disclosure to correct for such informalities and submits that the disclosure is now in compliance with all formality requirements.

\$102 and \$103 Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, 14, 16-25, 27-34, 47-52, 57, 58 and 60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Shur U.S. Patent No. 6,330,672).

Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shur as applied to claims 1 and 7, and further in view of Saito (U.S. Patent No. 6,741,991) and Kubota et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,721,778).

Claims 15 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shur as applied to claims 13 and 24, and further in view of Saito.

Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 7, 13, 24, 47, 50, 57, 58 and 60 are patentable over Shur, Saito and Kubota.

Each of claims 1, 7, 13, 24, 47, 50, 57, 58 and 60 recites that "[a] digital watermark is embedded into [] content according to insertion information such that the digital watermark can be removed from the content by using the insertion information and the digital watermark." Supporting disclosure for such recitation can be found in the specification at, for example, page 24, line 15 - page 32, line 1.

Neither Shur, Saito nor Kubota discloses embedding a digital watermark into content according to insertion information such that the digital watermark can be removed from the content by using the insertion information and the digital

watermark. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 7, 13, 24, 47, 50, 57, 58 and 60 are patentable over Shur, Saito and Kubota - taken either alone or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant believes that dependent claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-23, 25-34, 48, 49, 51 and 52 are patentable over Shur, Saito and Kubota for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with claims 1, 7, 13, 24, 47, 50, 57, 58 and 60.


As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully addressed, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to discuss any additional objections which he/she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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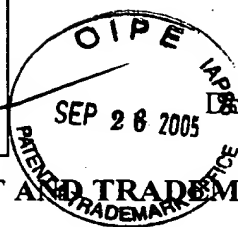
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 based on the following prior foreign applications filed in the following foreign countries on the dates indicated:

Country	Application No.	Date
Japan	P2000-120474	April 21, 2000
Japan	P2000-165744	June 02, 2000
Japan	P2001-092619	March 28, 2001

In support of this claim, certified copies of the original foreign applications are filed herewith.

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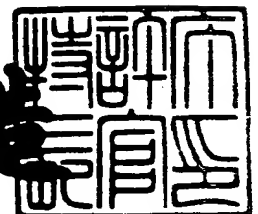
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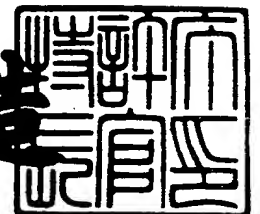
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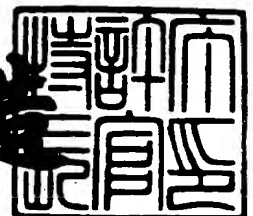
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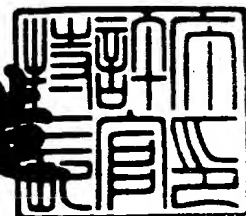
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